

**Barford St John & St Michael Parish Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at 7.30pm in Barford Village Hall**

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

**Present:** Cllrs Turner, Hobbs, Eden, Best, Charman, County Cllr Fatemian, District Cllr Williams and Mr Best (Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer)

**Apologies for absence:** Cllr Styles

17/088	<b>Declarations of Interest:</b> None
17/089	<b>Minutes of the last meeting:</b> It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2017 were a true and accurate record of the meeting (unanimous).
17/090	<b>Matters arising from the minutes:</b> None
17/091 17/076/1	<p><b>Clerk's Report:</b></p> <p><b>Dog Fouling Notices</b> – These were removed last week by the CDC Dog Warden</p> <p><b>Access to Allotments</b> – A sign has been placed asking allotment holders not to walk through the woods</p> <p><b>Weeds by the bridge</b> – these were strimmed to improve visibility.</p> <p><b>Speed monitoring</b> – The results were presented indicating speeding at all locations (Hempton Road was 44% of cars at 31mph or more, Netherworton Road was 31% of cars 31mph or more &amp; Barford St John was 53% of cars at 31mph or more. It was agreed to ask for volunteers to monitor speeding cars with a hand-held detector</p> <p><b>Barclays Bank</b> – A complaint has been lodged with the Financial Ombudsman Service over their failure to put the correct address on Bank Statements after several written and phone requests and their inability to supply savings account statements for 2017</p>
17/092	<p><b>Correspondence:</b></p> <p><b>Donation Request from Guideposts</b> – a donation request was received from Guideposts which is an Oxfordshire charity supporting children and young people with disabilities. It was decided not to support at this time.</p> <p><b>Email from Paul Evans, Ayot Croft</b> – an email was received from Paul Evans complaining that Barford News reporting was inaccurate and that no Enforcement investigation was in progress. The clerk replied giving the name of the enforcement officer and the reference number and an apology was received back</p>
17/093	<b>Public Participation:</b> None
17/094 17/094/1 17/094/2	<p><b>County Councillor's Report:</b></p> <p><b>Contracts for recycling</b> – these have been renewed for another 7 years. There will be no changes to opening times.</p> <p><b>Drainage Works in Horn Hill</b> – these will start imminently and traffic will be restricted.</p>
17/095	<p><b>District Councillors Report:</b></p> <p><b>Unitary Council</b> - Cherwell has submitted an alternative proposal to the Government to the Oxfordshire County Council proposal. It is for a Combined Council with Oxford City Council and West Oxfordshire District Council. As the Government seems to be in some turmoil now and with Brexit and other more pressing issues to deal with, Barry Wood believes the subject of unitary councils may be placed on the back burner for the time being.</p> <p><b>Partial Review of Local Plan - Part 1</b> - The Local Plan Part 1, Partial Review, (Oxford's Unmet Housing Need) was approved by the Executive in early June. The next stage in the process is a six-week consultation period, commencing July 17<sup>th</sup>, when representations will be invited. Unless any major changes are needed, the submission version of the plan will go before Full Council for formal approval and then on to an Examiner to ensure it is sound. The review has identified the area nearest Oxford as the most suitable and that area's further afield and to the north are less desirable, therefore the Deddington Ward is unaffected. Work can now recommence on Local Plan Part 2 with the intention of preparing a submission document by October. However, it will be 2018 before Cherwell are notified of any additional housing and numbers proposed for the rural parishes.</p>



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	<p><b>Community transport options</b> – A list of services is available from <a href="http://www.communityfirstoxon.org">www.communityfirstoxon.org</a> for rural villages which suffer poor public bus services. Specific information is available from <a href="mailto:emily.lewis-edwards@communityfirstoxon.org">emily.lewis-edwards@communityfirstoxon.org</a></p> <p><b>Oxfordshire Playing Field Association</b> – This provides funding and advice on the facilities available for communities, plus legal and health and safety recommendations. More can be seen at <a href="http://www.opfa.org.uk">www.opfa.org.uk</a> or specific advice from Nicole O'Donnell at <a href="mailto:oxfordshirepfa@gmail.com">oxfordshirepfa@gmail.com</a> and on 01295 817662.</p>
<b>17/096</b>	<p><b>Parish Matters:</b></p> <p><b>Moss on pavement in Robins Close and Weeds around the village</b> – It was agreed that Thomas Fox Landscaping will be asked to spray. They will contact Rodney Hobbs who will direct them to the areas to be sprayed</p> <p><b>Nissan Micra parked in Church Street</b> – This has been moved and it is believed that it has been scrapped.</p>
<b>17/097</b> 17/097/1 17/097/2 17/097/3 17/097/4	<p><b>Planning:</b></p> <p>Application 17/01175/F, Barn Elms, Extension – Returned to CDC without objection</p> <p>Application 17/01180/F, Ayot Croft, Dropped curb – Returned to CDC without objection.</p> <p>Application 17/00221/TCA, Merriweather, Intent to fell tree – Granted 27/06/2017.</p> <p>Application 17/00220/TCA, The George, Fell 2 trees – Returned to CDC without objection.</p>
<b>17/098</b>	<b>Reports from Meetings: None</b>
<b>17/099</b> 17/099/1	<p><b>Finance:</b></p> <p><b>Payments</b> - The Clerk sought approval to pay cheques totalling £965.80. This was proposed by Chris Charman and seconded by Rodney Hobbs.</p>
<b>17/100</b> 17/100/1  17/100/2 17/100/3  17/100/4  17/100/5  17/100/6 17/100/7  17/100/8  17/100/9  17/100/10  17/100/11	<p><b>Any Other Business:</b></p> <p><b>Letter about Hedgehogs</b> – A letter has been received asking that grass verges are not cut close to hedges and walls to preserve a habitat for hedgehogs. This will be discussed at the next meeting.</p> <p><b>Style at the end of Horn Hill</b> – The step is still broken. OCC will be chased to carry out repairs.</p> <p><b>Poo Bags left on walls</b> – These are being left again, particularly along the wall of the footpath from West Close to The Rock</p> <p><b>Wine for Auditor</b> – The Holtzhausen's have provided wine to pay the Auditor but a receipt has not been received yet.</p> <p><b>Verge at top of Murreys Lane</b> – A silver van was seen driving over this. Posts are being considered to stop people driving over this area.</p> <p><b>New doors for Village Hall</b> – These will be fitted shortly.</p> <p><b>Vegetation along north bank of River Swere</b> – A resident has reported that areas are overgrown and may be impeding drainage. The Environment Agency will be consulted.</p> <p><b>Graffiti on road sign</b> – OCC Highways will be asked to remove the graffiti from the chevron sign at the top of the hill going down into Barford St John from Bloxham.</p> <p><b>Handrail of bridge over river Swere by the Mill</b> – This is broken. This will be mended as a priority.</p> <p><b>Footpaths not sprayed out</b> – the crops have not been sprayed out on several footpaths around the village. Guidance will be sought from OCC Footpaths and the land owners will be contacted if OCC confirm that this is a requirement.</p> <p><b>Hedge leading to bridge along road out of Barford St Michael</b> – The owners will be asked to trim this as it is forcing cars into the middle of the road.</p>

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.53pm

Signed by Chairman.....



Date 6.9.17.....